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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims 3 and 4 as follows:

Claim 3, ~~line 2~~, delete "one";

~~line 2~~, change "of Claims 1 and 2" to --Claim 2--.

Claim 4, ~~line 1~~, delete "one";

~~line 2~~, change "of Claims 1 to 3" to --Claim 3--.

Please add new claims 5-7 as follows:

~~5. An ultrasonic vibration apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein a flexible filler whose hardness is lower than that of said casing is filled in said groove.~~

~~6. An ultrasonic vibration apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said ultrasonic vibration apparatus is used for an ultrasonic sensor.~~

7. An ultrasonic vibration apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said ultrasonic vibration apparatus is used for an ultrasonic sensor.--

REMARKS

The multidependency of the claims has been canceled and new single dependency claims have been substituted therefor.

Consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

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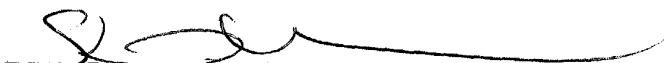
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